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THE Republicans will hold county primaries April 30 to select delegates to State convention, district convention and congressional convention. There will not likely be any local contests.

SENATOR HANNA seems to be a great man—dead. He is being praised to the skies by friends and foes. 'Tis a pity a man's good qualities cannot be seen while he is living!

THE Governor and Mrs. Warfield, with their family, will leave the Executive Mansion the last of May or the first week in June to go to their home in Howard county for the summer and early fall. They will be away from Annapolis altogether close to six months

WHEN Senator Depew the other day in a bout with Senator Carmack, remarked that he was born and reared a Democrat when he was young and foolish, Carmack retorted with the quotation "So Satan, as he trod the burning marl of hell, boasted that he too, was once an angel of light."

The Use Of Voting Machines.

From the Baltimore Sun of last Saturday.

"The voters of Chicago will be called upon to decide at the Presidential election this year whether voting machines shall hereafter be used exclusively at all elections in that city. Under the authority of an act passed by the last Legislature one machine was used at the recent municipal election. and it is said that it was entirely satisfactory. There is much to be said in favor of these machines. As soon as the polls are closed the result can be declared, as the vote for each candidate is summed up by the machine and displayed in figures. There is no delay in the count, no dispute over defective ballots, no possibility of an error in the court, and, it is contended, no reasonable probability of any contested elections."

"The great objection to these machines is the enormous cost of providing them. An offset to this cost is the economy of operation. They avoid the expense of printing ballots and save the *per diem* of election officers for one day, which is a large item There was a contest for a seat in the State Senate at the late session which cost the State $1,600 and which would have been avoided by the use of a voting machine. It would be worth a good deal of money to have the result of the election declared as the polls are closed and to avoid the disputes in counting and in rejecting doubtful ballots."

The SUN is certainly on the right track in the above editorial. The best machine ever yet brought to public notice at least that we know anything of contains all the advantages the Sun mentions as desirable. It is the invention of a Marylander, and was before the last Legislature asking legalization in case any community desired to try it. The act was not mandetory and did not ask for a dollar's public expenditure, but simply to permit its experimental use. The House of Delegates was wise enough to see its merits and the reasonableness of the act and passed it by 68 yeas to 18 nays but the Senate Elections committee *smothered it* in committee! A very unjust and improper proceeding. It will take several years to perfect and get the machine in practical use under the most favorable auspices, and this action on the part of a committee of the Maryland Senate simply forces the inventor to seek other States where the people—or the politicians rather—are not so afraid of their own shadow.

CLERK OF THE COURT JAMES T. DIXON gives notice in this issue to merchants and others requiring a license to obtain same on or before May 1, as provided by law. Chapter 264 of the acts of 1898 expressly forbids the Clerk to "antedate any license or issue to any person or persons any license other than in the month of which the same is legally obtainable, under a penalty of $50 for each and every offense, said penalty to be recovered by an action at law upon his official bond."

ALL Russia was stunned Wednesday evening by dispatches from Port Arthur telling of the blowing up and sinking of the first class battleship Petrepavlovsk by a mine and the death of Vice-Admiral Makaroff and all but a score of the 700 men and officers on his flagship.

FIVE officers and twenty-four men were killed and two men were fatally injured in the explosion of the twelve-inch gun in the after turret of the first-class battleship Missouri Wednesday afternoon off Pensacola.

The annual meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association will be held in the old hall of the House of Delegates, Annapolis, April 27, 28, 29. The annual dinner will be given in Carvell Hall on the last night of the meeting. The members of the association and their wives will be given a reception at the executive mansion.

Haman Bill Vetoed.

Governor Warfield has vetoed 28 bills, among them the Haman oyster bill, the bill abolishing spring elections, the bill changing the name of the Chestertown Water Company, and other bills of a general nature.

The yetoing of the oyster bill will be received with pleasure by Kent oystermen, as it means two years more of undisturbed work.

The water works bill was a measure to permit the consolidation of the Electric Light, Water Works and Ice Company, and whoever was instrumental in its death dealt a hard blow to the best interests of Chestertown and its citizens.

This is said to be the first time in the recent history of the Maryland Legislature that every bill passed during the session was signed or disposed of within seven days after the adjournment. When the Governor signed Senator Perkins' bill incorporating the Pneumatic Tube Company at 5.15 on Wednesday afternoon there was not a single bill remaining to be acted upon.

The measure of greatest local interest is that for the removal of the party designation, which will become law. By it the words "Democratic" and "Republican," as well as the names of minor parties, will not appear on the official ballots in certain counties hereafter, and there will be nothing to tell a candidate's party except the voter's own knowledge of the man. The voter will have to be able to read, too, as the names will be arranged on the ballot alphabetically, as they are now. The counties included in the provisions of the bill are Anne Arundel, St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and Kent.

CHAIRMAN MURRAY VANDIVER has issued a call for the Democratic State Central Committe to meet at the Eutaw House on next Wednesday at 1 P. M. The Committee at this meeting will set the date for the State Convention to select delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention at St. Louis and will fix times and places for the six Congressional district conventions.

The practice in the Democratic party in this State is for the State Convention to select the four delegates-at-large to the National Convention and the two electors-at-large to go on the official ballot. The delegates from the various counties or wards comprising each of the Congressional districts resolve themselves into informal conventions and select two national delegates and one elector from each district, and the whole list is then confirmed by the whole convention. As far as can be ascertained at present there is no movement to prevent Senator Gorman from practically naming the entire delegation to the St Louis Convention. There is but little definite information yet as to who the delegates-at-large will be, but the names of former Governor Smith, Chairman Vandiver, Gen. L. Victor Baughman and others have been mentioned in this connection.

ON the 9th and 10th pages of this issue will be found three of the local laws for Kent county passed at the recent session of the Legislature, all of which go into effect at once. The auditing bill especially will be read with interest by the tax-payers. The first committee under its provisions will be appointed at the April Term of Court.

The Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
Of Kent County, Md.

during the past nine years has returned to the holders of its policies where they have been cancelled $39,000.00.

The accounts of its policy holders show that the actual cost of insurance has not been more than 66 per cent. of the premiums paid, and that policies, though only 9 years old, have now to their credit 33 per cent of the premiums paid.

If you wish to diminish the ultimate cost of your insurance drop a line to the company.

GEORGE B. WESTCOTT.
Secretary and Treasurer.
THOMAS W. ELIASON,
President.

apr9.

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WALTER T. PIPPIN,
apr9-tf. Chestertown, Md.

THE County Executive of the W. C. T. U. will meet Tuesday, April 19th at 2 o'clock at Mrs. H. B. Simmons'. All County officers, and officers of local unions as well as superintendents of departments are urged to attend. Time and place of holding our county convention to be determined.

Insurance Statements.

STATEMENT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Philadelphia, Pa., to December 31, 1903.

Capital	$ 400,000
Total Admitted Assets	6,261,614
Total Liabilities	3,742,170
Surplus	2,519,442

STATEMENT OF THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY of Springeld, Mass., to December 31, 1903:

Capital	$2,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	6,252,402
Total Liabilities	4,661,912
Surplus	1,620,844

STATEMENT OF THE PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY of Brooklyn, N. Y., to December 31, 1903:

Capital	$1,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	7,407,062
Total Liabilities	5,736,891
Surplus	1,670,206

STATEMENT OF THE PHŒNIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Hartford, Conn., to December 31, 1903:

Capital	$2,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	6,853,661
Total Liabilities	5,272,645
Surplus	1,581,017

STATEMENT OF THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY of England to December 31, 1903.

Total Admitted Assets	$2 631,429
Total Liabilities	1,776,778
Surplus	854,651

STATEMENTS OF THE PHŒNIX ASSURANCE COMPANY of London, England, to December 31, 1901:

Total Admitted Asssets	$2,978,912
Total Liabilities	2,118,441
Surplus	860,471

STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Philadelphia Pa., to December 31, 1903:

Capital	$ 500,000
Total Admitted Assets	2,865,504
Total Liabilities	2,511,478
Surplus	354,026

STATEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of New York to December 31, 1903.

Capital	$ 2,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	105,656,312
Total Liabilities	96,964,439
Surplus	8,691,873

STATEMENT OF THE NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of Boston, Mass., to December 31, 1903.

Total Admitted Assets	$35,784,010
Total Liabilities	32,569,407
Surplus	3,214,603

STATEMENT OF THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY of America, of Newark, N. J., to December 31, 1903.

Capital	$ 2,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	72 374,760
Total Liabilities	64,201,362
Surplus	8,193,398

STATEMENT OF THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY of Liverpool, England, to December 31, 1903.

Total Admitted Assets	$8,520,383
Total Liabilities	5,204,871
Surplus	3,315,513

STATEMENT OF THE FIDELITY MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of Philadelphia, Pa., to December 31, 1903

Total Admitted Assets	$5,583,925
Total Liabilities	5,065,863
Surplus	818,062

GEORGE S. SARTIN,
Manager, Delaware and Eastern Shore of Maryland, 112 N. Broad St., Phila., Pa.

STATEMENT OF THE ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE CO. of St. Paul, Minn., to December 31, 1903.

Capital	$ 500,000
Total Admitted Assets	3,699,023
Total Liabilities	2,683,959
Surplus	1,015,063

STATEMENT OF THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY of New York, to December 31, 1903.

Capital	$ 100,000
Total Admitted Assets	378,213,186
Total Liabilities	306,234,371
Surplus	71,578,815

STATEMENT OF THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY of Hartford, Conn., to December 31, 1903.

Capital	$ 1,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	40,105,849
Total Liabilities	35,376,533
Surplus	4,629,316

STATEMENT OF THE ÆTNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of Hartford, Conn., to December 31, 1903.

Capital	$ 2,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	68,067,863
Total Liabilities	64,396,106
Surplus	3,671,756

J. WM. Clark, Agent, Still Pond.
MIEGS & MIESSO, Managers, 415 W. Fayette street, Baltimore.

STATEMENT OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, of Philadelphia, Pa., to December 31, 1903:

Capital	$ 2,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	11,259,982
Total Liabilities	8,857,991
Surplus	2,421,900

STATEMENT OF THE ORIENT INSURANCE COMPANY of Hartford, Conn., to December 31, 1903:

Capital	$ 500,000
Total Admitted Assets	2,210,386
Total Liabilities	1,507,274
Surplus	703,111

STATEMENT OF THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY of New York, to December 31, 1903:

Capital	$3,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	18,040,794
Total Liabilities	11,466,042
Surplus	6,574,751

STATEMENT OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY of New York, to December 31, 1903:

Capital	$1,500,000
Total Admitted Assets	12,074,306
Total Liabilities	5,441,057
Surplus	5,633,249

STATEMENT OF THE HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of New York, to December 31, 1903:

Capital	$1,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	4,062,057
Total Liabilities	3,431,829
Surplus	630,227

STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CASUALTY COMPANY of New York, to December 31, 1903:

Capital	$ 300,000
Total Admitted Assets	1,654,280
Total Liabilities	704,280
Surplus	950,000

STATEMENT OF THE DELAWARE INSURANCE COMPANY of Dover, Del., to December 31, 1903.

Capital	$100,000
Total Admitted Assets	142,964
Total Liabilities	130,878
Surplus	12,086

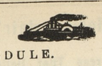
Straw Wanted

Persons having Straw to sell will please write the American Strawboard Co., Chestertown, Md. We will buy your straw in bulk or by the load.

American Strawboard Co.

March 12, 1904—1m.

TOLCHESTER CO.



SPRING SCHEDULE.

In effect April 15th, weather permitting.

SASSAFRAS RIVER LINE—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays—Leave Fredericktown at 7.00 a. m.; Betterton, 8.15 a. m.; Buck Neck, 9 15 a. m.; Gales, 9.30 a. m.; Tolchester, 10.15 a. m. Returning, leave Baltimore at 2.30 p. m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for all of the above landings except Tolchester on Saturday.

PORT DEPOSIT LINE—Monday, Wednesday and Friday—Leave Baltimore 2.30 p. m., for Tolchester, Betterton, Havre de Grace and Port Deposit. Tuesday Thursday and Saturday—Leave Port Deposit 7 a. m., Havre de Grace 7.30 a. m., Betterton 8.45 a. m., Tolchester 10.15 a. m., (does not stop at Tolchester Saturdays).

SAUTRDAY—Special Excursion Day—Leave Tolchester at 9 a. m. and 4.45 p. m. Leave Baltimore at 7.00 a. m. and 2.45 p. m.

☞For further information apply to Agents at different wharves, or

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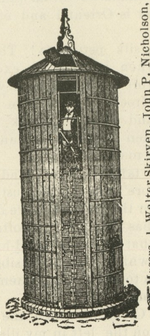

☞Messrs. J. Walter Skirven, John P. Nicholson, Hadaway Bros., Benj. H. Coburn and Walter T. Morris have erected Silos and found them to be satisfactory and indispensible.
WALTER T. MORRIS, LOCAL AGENT,
April 9, 1904. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

BY THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

STATEMENT

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE

Mutual Fire Insurance Comp'y

of Kent county Md., Dec. 31, 1903.

INCOME.

Total Income	$11,875 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total Disbursements	16,080 40

ASSETS.

Real Estate owned by Company	$ 9,659 37	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	11,700 00	
Such Bonds and Mortgage Loans upon which more than one year's interest is due	6,100 00	
Stocks and Bonds owned by Company	32,300 00	
Cash in office and in bank	6,270 23	
Interest due and accru'd	809 82	
All other property	123 38	
Premium Notes held by the Comp'y...$201,010.13		
Assets admitted		67,062 80

LIABILITIES.

Losses and Claims in process of adjustment		225 00
Surplus to policy holders		66,837 80
Amount at risk in United States Dec. 31, 1903.	2,142,719 00	
Am'nt written in Maryland in 1903	111,703 00	
Premiums in Maryland in 1903	8,894 97	
Losses paid in Maryland in 1903	10,167 19	
Losses incurred in Maryland in 1903	10,167 19	

STATE OF MARYLAND,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.
Commissioner's Office.
BALTIMORE, March 7, 1904.

I hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the statement of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Kent county, Md., to December 31st, 1903, now on file in this department.

LLOYD WILKINSON,
ap9 Insurance Commissioner.

NOTICE.

POLICY-HOLDERS of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Kent county, who use GASOLINE for cooking purposes, are hereby notified that it is necessary for them to secure permits for its use from the Treasurer of the Company, who upon application and payment of the usual charge will issue same.

GEORGE B. WESTCOTT,
ap9-3m. Treasurer.

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Good Sponges for cleaning; regularly 15c., for.....10c
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Wool Dusters, just the thing for polished furniture, worth 15c...9c
Good Whisk Brooms, with plated brass holder, complete, for.....10c
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Stout Galvanized Pails.....19c
Fiber Scrub Brushes, regularly 10c for.....5c
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Dress Goods, a complete line,
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this we have bought a very large quantity for 50 cents on the dollar and we can save you money on these.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!
In this line we are proud to say that we have a full line of the best celebrated brands, the latest Patent Leathers, Russets and others in Shoes and Slippers and for all occasions, Men's and Boys', Ladies,' Misses' Children's and Babies.
☞LADIES' SKIRTS and SHIRT WAISTS.

Ladies' and Misses' Spring Hats,
the latest style, latest ladies' collarettes, the latest style.
☞A full line of MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS and NECKWEAR and FURNISHINGS for all.

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No matter what your style or your taste we have just the Hat for you. There are Tall Hats and Low Hats, Soft Hats and Stiff Hats, your style and your price.

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Sheriff's Notice
—TO—
Traders And Others.

NOTICE Is hereby given to all persons and bodies corporate or politic, doing business in Kent county, and requiring a State license, to obtain a license or renew the same on or before

THE FIRST DAY OF MAY NEXT.

A failure on the part of persons now engaged in business to renew their licenses by the first day of May next, will subject them to a fine.

Clerk James T Dixon will be ready to issue licenses on or before the first day of May next, at his office in the Court House.

Those interested are notified of the following requirements of license laws,

If applicants' stock in trade does not exceed	$1 000	$12 60
If over $1 000 not over	1 000	15 60
" 1 500 "	1 500	18 60
" 2 500 "	2 500	22 60
" 4 000 "	6 000	30 60
" 6 000 "	8 000	40 60
" 8 000 "	10 000	50 60
" 10 000 "	15 000	65 60

The applicant must either make oath, as heretofore before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county where he is engaged in business, of the amount of goods kept on hand at the principal season of sale or the oath may be administered by a Justice of the Peace when the person wanting a license applies through an agent.

STALLION—Any owner and keeper of every Stallion or Jack shall, before being permitted to stand or station such animal, pay to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of some one of the counties of the State the highest sum that he intends to receive for the season for one mare and the receipts of the said clerks, with the seal of his court attached thereto for said sum, shall be the license for standing or stationing such stallion or jack for one year from the date thereof provided that in no case shall the sum directed to be paid by this section for such license be less than ten dollars, and that every stallion or jack upon which the said tax is paid shall be exempt from all other State tax.

Any owner or keeper standing or stationing any stallion or jack without a license shall forfeit and pay twice the sum authorized and required to be paid in the last preceding section, one half to the State and the other half to the informers.

LIONEL J. KEYSER.
a16-3t. Sheriff of Kent County.

PRIVATE SALE OF COLLEGE LOT.

THE undersigned as attorney for owner offers at private sale the COLLEGE LOT situated in Chestertown, Maryland, of which Mrs. Janet Hall, late of Kent County, died, seized and possessed. This is one of the most desirable building lots and also as an investment. It contains two acres of land more or less and has a front on Washington avenue of about 195 feet and running back to Mount Vernon street 445 feet, 6 inches by and with Campus ave. This property adjoins the land of Miss Jane Blackiston on the East and is bounded by the aforesaid streets on the North, West and South and can be easily and profitably divided into four lots of one-half acre each.

For further information as to terms, &c., apply to the undersigned.

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Mch.19-tf.

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